Beth-Sarim — Much Talked About House in San Diego

The House of the Princes

Somebody Paid a Hundred Thousand Dollars for Advertising the Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints. But Not Us. Come Again, Reporters

"All men have not faith," and there is no use in expecting men to exercise faith when they do not have it. At the present time there is only a handful of people in the world who really know that the Bible is the Word of God. Since the Bible is the Word of God, then we may depend upon it that it was especially written for us who are living just now, when Satan's organization is slipping down into the abyss from which it will never arise.

God has a people in the earth at this time. These people are his people, and not the Devil's people. They look like other men; but they are not the same. They are governed in what they do by the Word of God. Their desire to do God's will as they find it recorded in his Word is the all-consuming passion of their lives; it means more to them than all else in the world put together.

We know who the people of God are. They are, collectively, God's "faithful and wise servant" in the earth at this time. Collectively this "servant" goes to make up the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society. There is no other "servant." God does not have fifty-seven or even two different ways of doing his work in such an hour as this.

It is the positive conviction of the "servant" that the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society is being used and will be used by the Lord to proclaim God's name and Word and his judgments in the earth and to help God's people, both those who are free and those who are in the Devil's cages, to grasp the blessings and to see the duties and privileges of the hour.

A View of the Front and East Side.

Judge Rutherford, president of the Watch Tower Society, is one of the hardest-worked men in the world. Anybody can be a Christian in peace-time, but Judge Rutherford was one of the war-time Christians; and, for daring so to be, went to Atlanta Penitentiary under four sentences of twenty years each. When he emerged he was in poor physical condition, and even now has the use of but one lung. Since his return from Atlanta, prudence and good common sense dictated that, working as hard as he constantly works, he should have the benefit of the most equable winter climate to be found. It is a matter of common knowledge among meteorologists (weather experts) that San Diego, California, is as near perfection for a winter climate as it is possible to get. About a quarter of a million people besides meteorologists have made the same discovery and make the city their winter home.

For years after he emerged from prison, Judge Rutherford went to San Diego to work during the winter months, renting such quarters as could be secured. His physician, Dr. A. G. Eckols, of San Diego, urged him to make the city his permanent winter home; and in the latter part of the year 1929 some brethren, out of their own personal funds, arranged for the erection of Beth-Sarim, "the house of the princes," of which several illustrations appear in this issue.

Before Judge Rutherford would accept and use the home, he insisted upon writing the deed that it shall forever be held in trust by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society for the use of the Lord's

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This Kingdom Gospel Must Be Preached in All the World

Amazing Growth of the Lord's Work Since 1922

The Messenger Takes Great Pleasure in Passing On to Its Readers Reports from the Brethren Brother Rutherford Has Appointed to Carry Out His Instructions with Reference to the Lord's Work in Foreign Fields.

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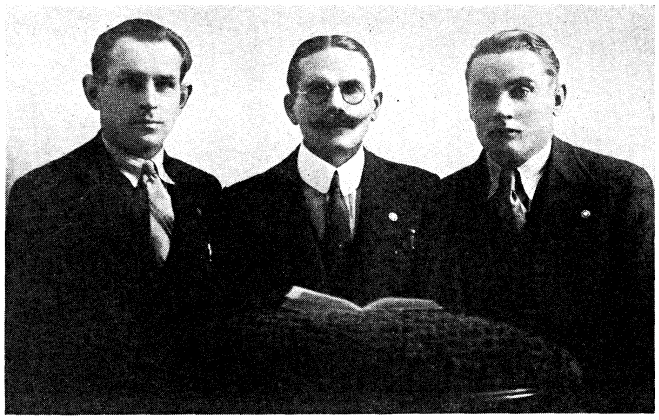


The Bethel Family in Buenos Aires, John Muniz (center), Resident Manager.

The Witness Work in Argentina

Argentina is a vast country, about equal in area to all the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states of the United States. Today it occupies much the same relation to the rest of the world that was occupied by the United States seventy-five years ago.

You think of the United States as having many residents of foreign birth, but in proportion to our population we have twice as many foreigners here as you have there. Thus, the foreign-born population of the United States is given as 13 per cent, while the foreign-born population here is 25 per cent.

Yet, although Argentina is a young country as respects the immigration period through which she is passing, she is an old country otherwise. The University of Cordoba, in Argentina, was founded in 1613, seven years before the "Pilgrim Fathers" landed at Plymouth.

Immigration into Argentina has come principally from Spain and Italy, though there are also many Germans among our new citizens. The state contributes about $1,000,000 in gold every year to the support of the Roman Catholic religion, but other religions are tolerated. The constitution requires that the president must be a Roman Catholic.

We have a good deal of illiteracy to contend with, except among the German and British immigrants. Thus 31 per cent of our Austro-Hungarian immigrants are illiterate, 30½ per cent of the Spanish immigrants, 28½ per cent of the Italian and 17 per cent of the French. Among the German immigrants all but 9 per cent can read and write, and among the English imigrants all but 8 per cent.

In the country the farms are of vast size, averaging some 500 acres each, as would be expected in a land largely given over to stock raising and wheat growing. The great distances, poor roads, general lack of education, and preponderating influence of Roman Catholicism make it difficult to work the country districts yet, but some progress is being made.

Meantime we have a great work to do in Buenos Aires itself, where 40 per cent of all the immigrants remain after arrival in the country. This is a great city, one of the great cities of the world. We are doing something, but we need help. Pray for us and send us men and women of courage to help us.

At the time this is written we are in the midst of our winter, so things are quite different with us from what they are with you. We are differently situated otherwise than as respects the weather. Yours is a rich country, while at this time Argentina is very, very poor. We work under great difficulties.

Our work began in 1924, with only one brother. Early in 1925, at his request, the Society's president sent in two able colporteurs speaking the German language to work among the immigrants from Germany. These brethren were and are to this day good samples of fidelity to the Lord and his cause.

We keep no regular office staff. Of the two brothers with me, one, the German brother, works during the day as a tile setter, when he has a job, and thus pays his room rent and expenses. When he has no work he goes on with his canvassing. The other, Pedro Kasanowski, has a knowledge of the three languages Polish, Ukrainian and Russian. He also works during the day when work is to be obtained, and at other times canvasses among the Poles, Ukrainians and Russians.

In the evening both of these brethren assist me in wrapping packages for mailing, and in making ready for mailing the 500 magazines which we send out from here every fifteen days.

The distribution of literature here is such a difficult task that a colporteur would not be able to make his expenses if given 50 percent of the proceeds of his placements. The situation can be appreciated only by those who are in it themselves.

Acting under the advice and instructions of our beloved president our first aim is to keep the witness work under way, and where a colporteur cannot quite make a "go" of it we assist him to the extent that is absolutely necessary. Thus, by one means or another, we are getting the work done.

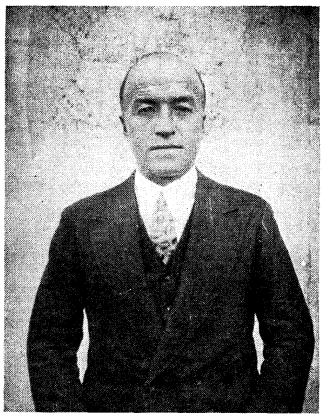
It sometimes seems to me that the Latins have to be handled with kid gloves. Work among them is difficult, aside from their poverty and lack of education. Nevertheless, we have now seventy friends who are taking a more or less active part in the witness work, the work which we consider most important. At the special drive in May we put out 2,709 books and booklets. This is not a great thing, but it is our greatest figure for one week's work.

In Rosario de Santa Fe, the work is represented by Brother Oscar Schwandt, German. The twin cities of Parana and Santa Fe are represented by Brother Felix Remon, Spanish. The city of Bahia Blanco and the southern part of the Republic is represented by Brother Ricardo Glahn, Paraguayan. The cities of Mendoza and San Juan, with the provinces of the same name, are represented by Brothers Maximo Gimpel and Ramon Mercado, the first German, the latter Argentinian.

Ricardo Traub, in Charge of the Work in Chile.

The work in the republic of Chile was started last year, in the care of Ricardo Traub, German. Although so recently started, we already have some results. One expression heard by the writer when he was there in February (at which time eight were immersed) was that one of the immersed ones said when the truth came to him he was communistically inclined, and did whatever he could to serve the Devil and libel God. Henceforth it would be different with him; he would try to serve God to the best of his ability, and he is doing so.

Montevideo and the Uruguayan republic is under the representation of Brother Carlos Ott, German. Next spring, God willing, we expect to extend the message to the republic of Peru.



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As fast as they are ready we are sending colporteurs out to the different cities. They canvass these cities, and if they find any interested they hold studies in *The Harp of God;* and if the interest continues they establish classes. If not, when the city has been thoroughly canvassed they are sent to another one.

Classes, when formed, are held in the rooms of the interested party; if this is not possible rooms are rented for the purpose.

The dear friends here all, as one, send their love to all, and in the name of our Lord wish that the great convention will have the most encouraging effect possible. Let us all hope that the Lord will bless the convention abundantly, and maintain our courage while we fight on the side of the Lamb.

The Witness Work in Australia

Jehovah God states in his Word that this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness. We are pleased, therefore, to make a report of the activities in Australia, New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, which come under the jurisdiction of this branch.

A. MacGillivray, Resident Manager of the Australian Work.

During the past year there has been a considerable increase in the work, both in the number of pioneers taking part in the field service and a general awakening amongst the classes. The work is directed by Brother Rutherford from the headquarters of the organization at Brooklyn, and we endeavor to carry out the instructions received as near to the letter as we possibly can, and we find that in proportion as we do this the Lord's blessing is manifested to a greater degree.

At the present time, May, 1931, there are 130 pioneers battering away at the Devil's organization, and also a number of auxiliaries and class workers. The reports received at the present date indicate a considerable increase in the work for the year 1930-31.

During this year the work in the Fiji Islands has opened up, and also in Tonga, Samoa and New Guinea. Little or no witnessing was done in these countries prior to this year, and it is marvelous to see how the message of the Kingdom is being received, not only by the natives, but also by many Europeans who make their sojourn in these islands.

The work as carried on in these islands and in Australia itself is not easy, by any means. The pioneers who operate in house-cars sometimes report that they find a distance of 100 miles between houses. Working under such conditions it is hard to put in the number of calls per day; however, in every case the Lord does sustain all those who are wholly devoted to him, and he provides all their needs.

Very recently one of these house-cars with four pioneers aboard traveled from West Australia to Sydney, a distance of over 3,000 miles; part of this was over the Australian Desert. For several days no houses were seen at all, but when they

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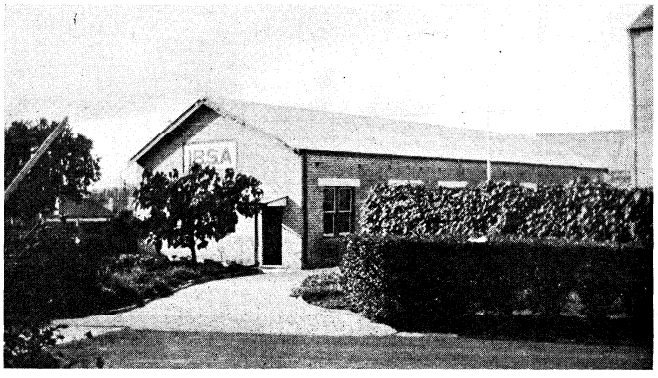

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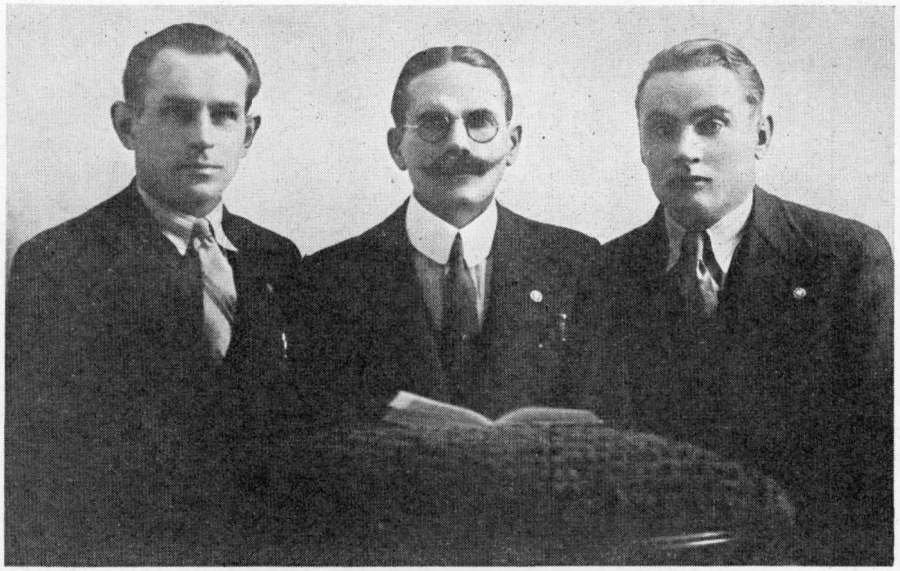

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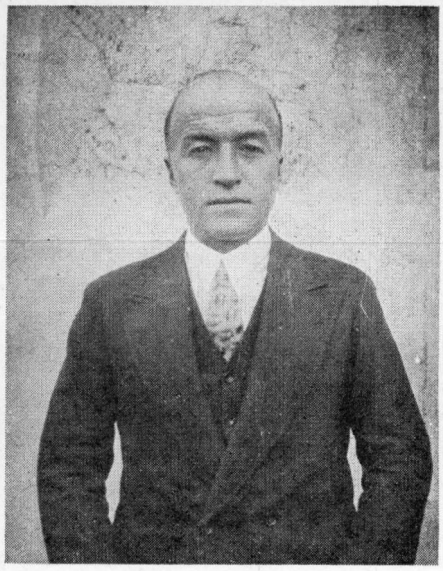

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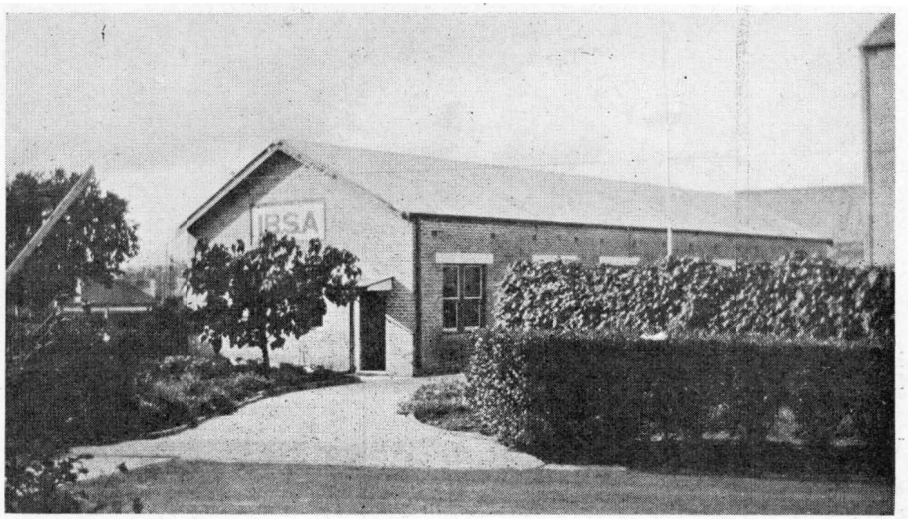

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His Bedroom, and the Famous Nightcap Which So Amused the Newspaper Men.

BETH-SARIM

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work in the earth, with the expectation that in due time Abraham, Melchisedec, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Isaiah or some others of the patriarchs or prophets of olden times will appear and will be glad to use this home which has been prepared for one or more of them in the western edge of the new world.

The climate is the same as that of Palestine. The place is planted with date and palm trees, such as would be familiar and pleasing sights to these men. On the part of Judge Rutherford, the dedication of this home to God's work and for the use of these men was a simple act of faith. To a few newspaper men this exhibition of true faith in God and in his Word has seemed to give occasion for a little display of semi-mirthful incredulity; but for the most part the newspapers have treated the item with dignity, and the story of Beth-Sarim has gone around the world, conveying to millions of people the thought that shortly David and others will no doubt be awakened from the sleep of death.

Whatever the motive of the newspaper men, their action resulted in giving free world-wide publicity to a Bible truth, the resurrection on earth of the faithful Old Testament saints, publicity such as would have cost the Society thousands and thousands of dollars.

Another feature, an ominous one for those caught in Satan's toils, is that the "evil servant" class, instead of being glad to see the preparation for and the use of adequate equipment for doing the Lord's work, seem to have the spirit of Judas when he said, "Why was not this ointment sold and the proceeds given to the poor?"

The record shows that Judas cared nothing about the poor. What he really wanted was to get his hands on that money for himself. And the reason he wanted it for himself was not so that he could use it to the glory of God. His thought in the matter was wholly selfish, wholly indefensible. And the Judas class are like Judas himself. They are all of the same stripe.

The Outside Stairs from the Patio to the Sun Parlor.

Here's That Celebrated Miniature Lake. The Newspaper Accounts Led People to Believe It Was Several Acres in Extent. Two No. 15's (If We Remember Correctly His Size) Would Make Quite a Splash!

WITNESS WORK IN AUSTRALIA

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came to a station and reported themselves these station owners sent word ahead that the Watch Tower folks were coming and the end of the world. These pioneers reported that even in the remote parts of the desert the people knew of the work being carried on.

The Lord is raising up translators in the different islands so that the message is being prepared for these people in their own language. We have yet a number of places to reach and plenty of room and liberty for those who wish to couple adventure with the privilege of service for Jehovah God.

The president has been pleased to assign Java to the Australian branch, and very shortly we are hoping to send representatives there.

The electrical transcription of Judge Rutherford's lectures has been a great boon to this country and a wonderful blessing in sending out the message. These are so clear, plain and convincing that the people absolutely rejoice to listen in. We are hoping as time goes on to add a goodly number more stations to our present 'going list'. Some of the Australian stations broadcasting the WATCHTOWER programs have been heard in America.

This is a vast territory. If you were to take your stand in New York you would have the eastern outpost of our territory in London and the western about California, and in the north and northeast about the same distance. This will enable the friends to get an idea of the difficulties that confront those who are taking part in the work in these parts.

Take a map of the South Sea sometime and look at Tahiti east of us, Western Australia west of us, and New Guinea, Java and Fiji north and northeast, and you will begin to have an appreciation of some of the work that is going on by your brethren in the Southern Hemisphere.

Here in Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the sea we are joining with you in taking part in the Columbus convention extensions by means of general assemblies and field service for everybody. We are looking forward to the report of this international convention with keen interest, and we pray Jehovah God that it may be the greatest witness that has ever been given in the earth.

A word in closing, taken from a report just received from the first pioneer to enter the Island of Tonga in the South Seas. After being there a few days he gathered around him a number of young native men and women and they continued all night discussing the message of the Kingdom.

After hearing the glad tidings they resolved to band together to make a translation of all the books and booklets so that their people who cannot read English may have the privilege of hearing the Truth.

This is a sample of what is going on in the various islands under our jurisdiction. Truly it is glorious to have the privilege of carrying the message of the Kingdom to these people. The work is plentiful and the laborers are still few.

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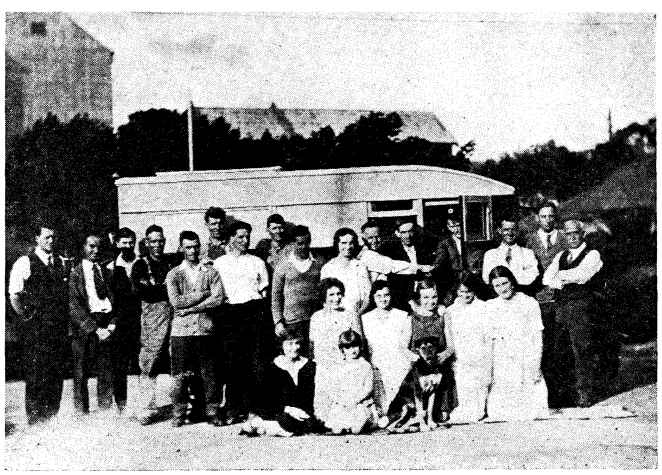

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